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Tyranny of minority

To the editor:

It is with pleasure that I note that most students can see through the absurd rhetoric of the YSA with regards to CIA recruitment on campus and on many other subjects (for their position on all issues can be easily predicted and their vocabulary is identical in discussing no matter what topic beginning with "capitalist aggressor" and ending with "working class struggle.") It is also with pleasure that I read Mr. Kargonovic's column as well as several well written letters pointing out the hypocrisy of the YSA's support of a government with an organization such as the KGB while condemning the CIA. The need for an intelligence agency, while very important to realize, is overshadowed by the most fundamental concept expressed which is our right to choose whether or not to join the CIA, perhaps even in the hopes of ameliorating it. We, as supposedly free individuals, are being denied that right. And why?

One explanation offered by John Mohr in one of the most ludicrous paragraphs I have ever had the misfortune to read, is that those who believe that they have a right to seek employment (was I so mistaken as to think that we did?) must submit to the "opinion of a majority or vociferous minority of students as to what is proper and fitting employment for our graduates." Perhaps Alexandre de Toqueville was correct when he warned of America's potential tyranny of the majority. Even worse it appears in this case to be a tyranny of the minority. How inappropriate it

is on the eve of our 200th anniversary to suppose a view so against the foundations of our nation.

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Communist menace

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the Bloomington International Socialists (B.I.S.) letter of March 15. This organization has learned Lenin's lesson well. Lenin taught that the enemy must be weakened in advance. To wait for something to happen is not the way to achieve revolution. The way must be prepared. The enemy must be softened up: weaken his will to resist, nullify his capacity for counteraction and impair his morale. Then when the crisis comes, Communists can march to power through the ranks of a demoralized enemy.

The B.I.S. letter is a perfect example of how the Communists deliberately try to subvert agencies of the U.S. government. The B.I.S. says, "The CIA does not need to be laundered, it needs to be destroyed." This is an obvious attempt to sow the seeds of discontent, weaken, divide and neutralize anticommunist opposition; and above all, undermine the CIA.

The B.I.S. also states their concern for the working people. The Communists say they are interested in the laboring man, higher wages, better working conditions and shorter hours. When in reality all the Communists want is to penetrate unions, to remain in them and to carry on Communist work in them at all costs.

Finally, the B.I.S. would have us believe that freedom can be attained only under their system. Yet, history of every nation under a Communist regime demonstrates conclusively that the Communist version of freedom is only a new form of total slavery.

During the Bicentennial year of the greatest country on earth, I feel it is the duty of every loyal American to inform themselves about Communism, the major menace of our time. Communism is more than an economic, political, social or philosophical doctrine. It is a way of life; a false, materialistic "religion." It would strip man of his belief in God, his heritage of freedom, his trust in love, justice and mercy. So let's get some courage and stand up to organizations like B.I.S., and not let them use us as pawns to achieve their goals.

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